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Promotion of education among Mappillas.

*379 Q.—Mr. K. Uppi Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have done anything special for promoting the education of Mappillas especially those of Mappilla-nad, viz., Ernad, Walluvanad and Ponnani after the rebellion of 1921; and

(b) if so, what they are and how much money has been spent?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraph 107 and to statement No. 84 in Volumes I and II respectively of the Report on Public Instruction in the Madras Presidency for the year 1926–27 and for the quinquennium 1921-22 to 1926–27. Separate figures as to expenditure on Mappilla education are not available.

Religious instruction in Mappilla Training School at Malappuram.

*380 Q.—Mr. K. Uppi Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Headmaster of the Government Mappilla Training School at Malappuram has cut short the number of periods for teaching religious subjects in that institution;

(b) if so, why; and

(c) what was the time allotted for teaching religious subjects in the institution before and after the advent of the present Headmaster?

A.—The Government have no information; but will call for it.

Alleged ban on two Muslim newspapers of Malabar.

*381 Q.—Mr. K. Uppi Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons for the banning of the two Muslim newspapers of Malabar, viz., the *Al-Ameen* and the *Aykiam* from the students' reading room of the Government Training School for Mappillas at Malappuram by the Headmaster;

(b) whether it was done at the instance of Government; and

(c) what are the newspapers that the students are permitted to read?

A.—The Government have not issued any orders on the subject; nor have they any information regarding it.

Number of Mappilla teachers trained at Malappuram Government Training School.

*382 Q.—Mr. K. Uppi Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether complaints have been received by Government that the number of Mappilla teachers trained at Malappuram Government Mappilla Training School is quite inadequate to supply the demand; and

(b) whether they will be pleased to open another training school for Mappillas in North Malabar?

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A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) In order to provide greater facilities for the training of Mappilla teachers the Government have sanctioned in the current year the opening of an additional lower elementary training section in the Government Training School at Malappuram and also the admission of students into the higher elementary training class in the school annually instead of in alternate years as was the case hitherto. They do not consider that another training school is required at present.

Local Boards

Nomination of the President, Rajampet Taluk Board.

383 *Q.*—Mr. K. Koti Reddi : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons for nominating a President for the Taluk Board of Rajampet, Cuddapah district, and for depriving the Board for the third time of the right of electing its President ;

(*b*) the reasons for nominating the same person for the third time ; and

(*c*) whether there are now any other taluk boards in the Presidency on whom the right of electing their presidents has not been conferred and, if so, which they are and for how long such right has not been conferred on them ?

A.—(*a*) The Government were of opinion that local conditions did not justify the grant to the Rajampet Taluk Board of the privilege of electing its President.

(*b*) The Government considered it in the best interests of the taluk board to nominate as President one who had acquitted himself well in that capacity in previous terms.

(*c*) Yes. The Hospet and Harpanahalli Taluk Boards have nominated Presidents since 1st April 1925.

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" May I know with reference to answer (*a*), what are the local conditions that existed in the Rajampet taluk, Cuddapah district, which induced the hon. Minister for Local Self-Government to deprive the taluk board for three terms of the privilege of electing its President ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Because it was brought to the notice of the Government that factious spirit was prevalent in the taluk."

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" May I know if the taluk board in question passed any resolution asking for the office of the president being thrown open to election ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" That is so, Sir."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know what exactly are the conditions under which the Government was satisfied that it was factious ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" On a report made by the Collector of the district."